

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of State and foreign operations, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

COUNTERINSURGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine contracting in a counterinsurgency, focusing on an examination of Blackwater-Paravant contract and the need for oversight, after receiving testimony from Steven M. Ograyensek, Contracting Officer, and James T. Blake, Program Executive Officer and Head of Contracting Activity, both of the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation, U.S. Army, and Colonel Bradley V. Wakefield, USA, (Ret.), former Chief of Training and Education, Combined Security Transition Command—Afghanistan, all of the Department of Defense; John R. Walker, former Program Manager, Paravant, Gilbert, Arizona; Brian C. McCracken, Raytheon Technical Services Company, Washington, D.C.; and Fred Roitz, Xe Services LLC, Moyack, North Carolina.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine the challenges and opportunities in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) fiscal year 2011 budget proposal, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Miles O'Brien, "This Week in Space", New York, New York; Robert Gibson, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Michael J. Snyder, Friendswood, Texas; and A. Thomas Young, Onancock, Virginia.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

LAKE TAHOE BASIN

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee with the Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a joint hearing to examine S. 2724, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein, Cantwell, Reid and Ensign; Peter Silva, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Harris Sherman, Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Patrick Wright, California Tahoe Conservancy, South Lake Tahoe; David D. Dicks, Puget Sound Partnership, Olympia, Washington; Alexander B. Grannis, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner, and John R. Tauzel, New York Farm Bureau, both of Albany; Debrah Marriott, Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership, Portland, Oregon; and David Naftzger, Council of Great Lakes Governors, and David A. Ullrich, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, both of Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 414, expressing the Sense of the Senate on the recovery, rehabilitation, and rebuilding of Haiti following the humanitarian crisis caused by the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti;

S. 2961, to provide debt relief to Haiti;

S. Res. 400, urging the implementation of a comprehensive strategy to address instability in Yemen, with amendments;

S. Res. 404, supporting full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other efforts to promote peace and stability in Sudan; and

The nominations of Leocadia Irine Zak, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, Walter Crawford Jones, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, Douglas A. Rediker, of Massachusetts, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, Ian Hoddy Solomon, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Beatrice Wilkinson Welters, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of